

**Thank you** for every time you answer the call to Serve!

“Yours is the Courage That Carries Us All”

To each of you —those who rise when alarms sound, who step forward when fear tries to push others back, who carry the weight of our hardest moments with unwavering resolve:

You are the steady hands in chaos.

You are the calm voice in crisis.

You are the shield that stands between danger and the people you serve.

Your work is not ordinary.

Your courage is not common.

Your sacrifice is not unseen.

Every time you answer a call, you demonstrate a rare kind of strength—the strength that chooses service over comfort, duty over ease, and compassion over indifference. You show us what it means to love your neighbor not just in words, but in action.

Scripture reminds us:

**“Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” — Deuteronomy 31:6**

That promise is for you.

When the night is long—He is with you.

When the burden is heavy—He is with you.

When the decisions are hard and the moments are tense—He is with you.

And because He is with you, you carry a strength greater than your own.

Your service is an act of love.

Love for your community.

Love for the vulnerable.

Love for the ones who need help in their darkest hour.

And God sees that love.

He honors it.

He strengthens it.

He multiplies it.

**“God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown His people.” — Hebrews 6:10**

So today, we speak life over you.

We speak courage into your spirit.

We speak peace into your mind.

We speak protection over your path.

May you feel the gratitude of a community that sleeps safer because you stand watch.

May you feel the pride of knowing your work matters more than you may ever realize.

And may you feel the presence of God surrounding you, sustaining you, and guiding you every step of the way.

Thank you for your bravery.

Thank you for your sacrifice.

Thank you for being the heroes who keep hope alive.

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